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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
January 21, 2015, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:57 a.m., followed by roll call, the Chairman asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

Board Members Present:

Edward Kawa, Chairman
Frank Norton, Boston A/C Contractors
Leo Fahey, Pipefitters
William Gallagher, Refrigeration Techs
Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors
Brian Kelly, Building and Construction Trades
Mark Fortune, Sprinklerfitters
Jennifer Revill, Public Representative

Board Members Not Present:

John Viola
Michael Torchio
Pauline Lally

Guests Present:

Brett LaPlante, UA Local 51
Steve Neveu, Notch Mechanical
Chuck Borstel, ABC
Barbara Lagergren, Gould Const.
Luke Ciarfella, Lewa PT
Dan Kilburn, DPS
Henry Geryk, DPS
John Lawrence, DPS
Carrie Torrisi, DPS
Cesar Lastra, DPS
Holly Bartlett, DPS

2. Approval of Minutes: The Chairman asked that the Bureau review the draft minutes from the Bureau meeting on December 10, 2014. **Motion to approve minutes from the meeting on December 10, 2014, made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. Review of Applications: The Chairman explained that applications which are sent to the Bureau for review must first reviewed by the DPS inspectors. As the two application on the agenda for today's meeting have not undergone review by DPS, they will be returned to DPS for review, and will not be reviewed by the Bureau today.
4. Review of Grandfathering Applications: The Chairman reiterated the process being followed for review of the applications for grandfathering licensure: each application will be considered, and either approved/denied/or returned for additional information. The following applications for grandfathered Process Piping license were considered and acted on as indicated:

Marc Leblanc, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Scott Lambert, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Matthew Regan, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by Frank Norton, seconded by Leo Fahey; motion passed by unanimous vote.
William Garcia, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Patrick Moore, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
John Walsh, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by Frank Norton, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Timothy Paulding, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Paul Rocha, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by William Gallagher, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Robert Wallace, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Mark Fortune; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Arthur Pickett, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by Jennifer Revill, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Edgar Marshall, PM	Motion to this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Christopher Lucier, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
David Lach, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by William Gallagher, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Allan Abely, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Brian Young, PM	Motion to <u>approve</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Peter Decareau, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> regarding the specific type of process piping systems worked on made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Dan Dumont; motion passed by unanimous vote.
Donald Adams, PM	Motion to <u>deny</u> this application made by Leo Fahey, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. The Chairman addressed the Bureau briefly regarding the status of grandfathering applications in the Department. Given the holiday schedule, and recent increase in volume of applications, DPS is experiencing a backlog in processing applications. Mark Fortune explained that license holders are feeling frustrated as renewal payments are being processed, but the renewed licenses are not being received in a timely manner.
6. Mark Fortune brought up the matter of updating the sprinklerfitter exam questions. The Chairman explained that task groups to review the databank of questions will be formed separately from regular Bureau business. Supervisor Dan Kilburn pointed out that the refrigeration exams have been reviewed, and that the pipefitting exams will be reviewed before the sprinkler exams. Mark expressed concern that there seems to be questions on the current sprinkler exams which are outdated or incorrect; the Chairman explained that examinees who do not pass their exam have the option of appealing the exam results. Frank Norton asked if the pipefitting exams are currently being reviewed; the Chairman explained that review of pipefitting exams has not yet begun. Frank also asked if currently licensed

master pipefitters will be authorized to continue to supervise journeymen; unless the master applies for grandfathering of the process piping license, they will not be authorized to supervise process piping work. Frank Norton inquired about language regarding work done on gas units by service contractors, which allowed such contractors to change and service any part from the disconnect in, and whether such language might be incorporated to include the same allowance for electrical work done from the disconnect in. The Chairman explained that such language must be included in the language of the regulating authority for the specific work, in this case electrical code. Brian Kelly read from 522 CMR 9(01)(10), which addresses such work. The Chairman advised the Bureau that he would consider whether a letter to the board of electricians would be appropriate in this matter.

7. **Motion to adjourn made by Dan, seconded by Brian Kelly; motion passed by unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.**

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft agenda for today's meeting
- b. Draft minutes from meetings on December 10, 2014
- c. Applications for Grandfathered Process Piping Licenses